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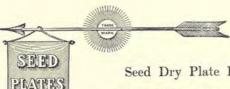


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THINGS WORTH

It is easy for the photographer to follow a rut, to say he is only interested in straight photography and cares nothing about difficult work that occasionally comes to him. "Let the other fellow bother with it," is the easy way out, to be sure, but the photographer's ability is often measured by the difficult thing he does well, and business turned to him in this way more often than not sticks to him when other work is wanted.

For example, a professor of plant pathology had a number of specimens he wished photographed and the ordinary means failed to produce a satisfactory result. They were green leaves on which appeared reddish brown spots caused by some plant disease. The photographer had used ordinary plates and even orthochromatic plates and yellow filters and failed.

But he didn't give it up. He called for help and was quickly advised that a panchromatic plate and green filter would give the desired result, and so it did, as will be seen by our illustration.



The panchromatic plate is specially sensitive to red and green and as the green filter absorbed the

red and transmitted the green the red marks on the leaf photographed dark and the green body of the leaf light and full of detail. The result was perfectly satisfactory.

If it had been a red leaf with green markings exactly the same result would have been produced by using a red filter. The red filter absorbs blue and green and transmits red, so that with a plate sensitive to red (panchromatic) and a red filter, red objects photograph light, and blue and green objects dark.

Yellow filters are specially useful but not when it is desired to over correct green or red, that is, make green or red objects photograph lighter than they really are. Yellow light is a combination of green and red and absorbs blue. For this reason yellow filters are especially suitable for cloud rendering. The blue light is absorbed by the filter and as it doesn't reach the plate any blue sky in the picture is rendered much darker than the white clouds.

Yellow filters transmit their own color, so they are useful in photographing furniture. The yellow grain of the wood is rendered as light as it appears to the eye, but the plate used must be one that is sensitive to yellow. Yellow filters give good results on orthochromatic film or plates because they are sensitive to yellow and slightly to green.

A yellow filter and orthochromatic film or plate will not give a correct rendering of red. To photograph red as other than black the emulsion must be red sensitive. Yellow filters are very useful with panchromatic plates. They give the most generally satisfactory rendering of all colors when it is desired to have a number of colors in a single object appear in monochrome as they appear to the eye.

Of course a photographic plate cannot show color contrast, but it can show tone contrast and this the panchromatic plate will do perfectly with a K 3 filter. If a light red object is photographed against a dark blue background the red will appear lighter than the blue, while if the blue and red are of the same strength they will photograph as the same shade of grey. A bright red against a dark green will likewise appear a light grey against a dark grey.

But this order can be reversed by using contrast filters and panchromatic plates. A red object against a green background of the same strength can be made lighter than its background if a red filter is used or darker than its background if a green filter is used.

Blue filters are seldom used because all plates are so much more sensitive to blue than to other colors that blue is as much over-corrected by using an ordi-



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nary plate without a filter as red is over-corrected by using a panchromatic plate and a red filter.

Even panchromatic plates are super-sensitive to blue and require at least a light yellow filter such as the K1 or K2 for best general results or the K3 for absolutely correct rendering of all colors.

With these things in mind it is quite simple to secure almost any result within reason by using panchromatic plates and filters. There is nothing difficult about such work and and it is certainly gratifying to succeed where you have previously failed.

Panchromatic plates and filters are very useful in copying stained prints or in reproducing valuable stained negatives.

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Our illustrations show a number of interesting comparisons of work on ordinary and panchromatic plates, with notes of the filters used. Try a piece of difficult work for yourself, using an ordinary plate, then a Wratten Panchromatic plate and the proper filter. You will find it so easy to secure good results that you will never be without Wratten Panchromatic Plates and Filters.



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Our cover illustration as well as several of those on our inside pages are excellent examples of Mr. Reed's work.





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RETICULATION OR FRILLING OF NEGATIVES

The reticulation of the surface of negatives is often a source of trouble to photographic workers. The trouble is most likely to occur in hot weather and is generally produced after fixing, and either during or just subsequent to washing.

The wet gelatine emulsion becomes more or less finely wrinkled or corrugated, the network of puckers forming a pattern which generally extends over a part or all of the negative.

Reticulation sometimes occurs under certain conditions when intensifying with mercury, and also when negatives are placed in a close, warm room to dry. There is no remedy for reticulation once it has taken place, but the ounce of prevention will be obvious, once the phenomenon has been explained.

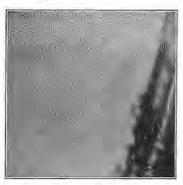


Fig. 1

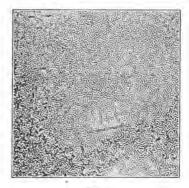


Fig. 2

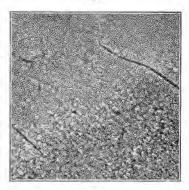
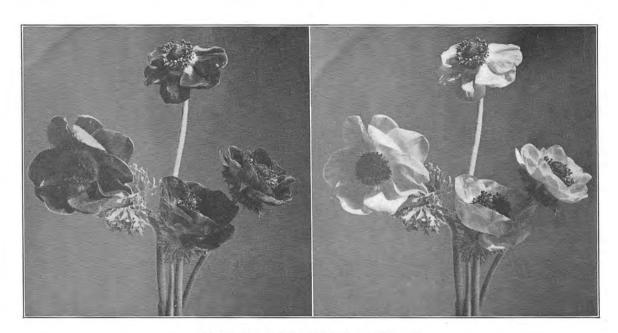


Fig. 3

As will be seen from the illustrations 1, 2 and 3, the grain of reticulation may vary considerably from very coarse down to very fine, and even microscopic dimensions. This reticulation is only slightly modified after drying. It will also be seen from the illustrations that reticulation on a developed plate causes the silver deposit to undergo a redistribution along with the reticulation



BRIGHT RED POPPIES WITH BLACK CENTERS

Orthochromatic Plate with filter. Result is poor because plate is not sensitive to red. Wratten Panchromatic Plate without filter Result is good because this plate is so sensitive to red.

of the gelatine, the silver grains collecting in the raised portions and leaving the valleys or troughs between, fairly transparent.

The forming of a pattern or design by reticulation has been used in some photo-mechanical processes, such as the colletype, and for the production of irregular grained half-tone screens, but such processes are not of special interest to photographers.

An understanding of the conditions affecting and determining reticulation will be best understood if we first consider a few facts on the normal swelling and shrinking of photographic gelatine film, which takes place in its treatment and use.

There are two things to consider: the change of mass or bulk, and the change of shape. Any piece of gelatine placed in water within a temperature range of from 32° F. to 68° F., swells, at first, rapidly, then more slowly, and finally reaches a limit.

The limit of swelling depends upon the temperature, the character of the gelatine, and the presence of foreign substances in the water. Acid and alkali, in particular, have a great influence

upon the swelling.

Gelatine should, theoretically, swell or shrink uniformly without change of shape, only altering its mass or bulk. This would be true if it could be dried very slowly so that drying would proceed at the same rate in all parts of the mass.

This is not possible in practice, however, as an emulsion placed on glass dries more rapidly on the surface than in the interior, producing stresses and distortion. The gelatine emulsion coated on a glass or film support is also firmly attached to it, so that one side is eliminated as regards drying.

The gelatine cannot spread off the plate so that its swelling or shrinkage is limited to one direction, viz., perpendicular to the plane of the support. Under normal conditions a gelatine film can be repeatedly swollen and dried without injury, but as the swelling parallel with the surface, which would remove the gelatine from the plate, is prevented by adhesion to a rigid support, the lateral strain must be compensated by the perpendicular swelling.

Suppose, however, that there is excessive swelling and shrinking, either successively or simultaneously, then the gelatine would be strained beyond its limit, causing either total or partial reaction. In the former case, the result would be that of frilling or the film entirely leaving its support, while in the latter, the strain not being uniform, we get a local puckering or folding. This is the common form of reticulation. The two effects are shown in Fig. 4, the shaded section representing the glass or film support.



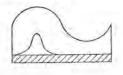
ORDINARY PLATE

The colors are incorrectly rendered



PANCHROMATIC PLATE K3 FILTER

Notice the correct rendering of the entire design on each of the cards



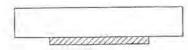


Fig. 4

The next thing is to determine the chemistry of the process which causes the excess swelling pressure and the localized arrest of this.

Reticulation was produced as follows: An ordinary plate was flashed, developed in a standard pyro-soda developer for 4 minutes at 80° F., then rinsed and fixed in a standard hypo-bisulphite fixing bath at 80° F. Reticulation was then found to depend upon the temperature of the wash water as follows:

Reticulation
None
None
Faint
Strong

Instead of water, stronger and more definite results were obtained by an after-treatment with the following solution:

In this case the following factors may have played a part:

- Prehardened gelatine in the emulsion.
- (2) Tanning agents in the developer.
- (3) Excess swelling pressure in hot developer, etc., and particularly in washing.

That reticulation can be produced by the combined action of a swelling or softening agent, and a hardening or anti-swelling agent to restrain this, is shown by the production of reticulation by the following combinations:

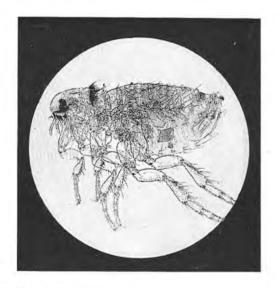
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Hardening Agent	Softening Agent
(1) Tannic Acid	Acetic Acid
(2) Quinone	Acetic Acid
(8) Chromic Acid	Hot Water
(3) Mercuric Iodide	Potassium Iodide

All of these combinations produce reticulation.

The conclusion to be drawn from these experiments, is that the most common form of reticution is due to the tanning agents in the developer, and the hardening agents in the fixing bath not hardening the gelatine uniformly because of the presence of alkali or acid in connection with heat, all of which have a softening or swelling action. Consequently, some portions of the gelatine shrink, while other portions swell, and as there is not sufficient room for the swelled or puckered portions to dry down to the film's original thickness. ridges are formed with intervening valleys, making a distinct design.

The design in reticulation is much more apparent where there is a developed image, than in the





PHOTOMICROGRAPH OF A FLEA

Ordinary plate without filter.

The reddish brown body is too dark.

Panchromatic Plate and Red Filter. The over-correction of the red filter gives the desired result.

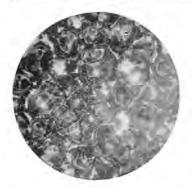


Fig. 5

more transparent parts of a negative. There is an apparent migration of the silver particles, making the ridges denser, while the valleys are less dense or quite clear. This is similar to the effect (a dark ring) produced when a drop of water is allowed to remain on a negative until it dries. The tension in drying softens the gelatine and forces the silver particles to the circular boundary of the spot.

It is quite possible that the action of some developers in producing grain in negatives is really a form of incipient reticulation. The original grain of the plate is coarsened in development by a clumping together of the original grains, which is noticeable and objectionable in enlarging. It is believed that nuclei are formed by the developed silver particles, which have a tendency to gather to them the finely divided reaction products of development which



Fig. 6

have tanning or coagulating properties.

Considering the great change in the swelling of an emulsion in passing from an alkaline developer to an acid hypo, it is quite hkely that any sub-microscopic reticulation would be further developed, and the grain of the silver image again coarsened. Further experiments are hoped to bring to light more information on this subject.

By adhering strictly to the use of the formulas recommended by the manufacturer, using fresh solutions, and keeping them cool, such troubles will be avoided and the best results always secured.

Figures 5 and 6 are photomichrographs of examples of reticulation. The illumination was vertical, the enlargement about sixty diameters.





By J. M. Belt. Standard Orthonon Plate.

PHOTOGRAPHING THE SUN

On June 8 the attention of many people in this country was distracted from the war for a few minutes to contemplate the wonderful phenomenon occurring in the sky, this being the eclipse caused by the passage of the moon between the sun and the earth.

Eclipses in which the sun is partially obscured by the moon are fairly common, but it is rare for any portion of the earth to be visited by a total eclipse, in which the moon's disk completely covers that of the sun and for a few minutes produces an artificial and temporary night.

The eclipse of June 8 was the first eclipse in this century to be total in the United States, and over the band of totality it naturally excited the greatest possible interest. This band of totality extended from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast but was only about sixty miles wide, so that for most of the country the eclipse was seen only as a partial covering of the sun's disk by that of the moon. The partial eclipse lasted for about two hours, but at some places in the east the sun set before the moon was clear of its disk.



Ordinary Plate

ANTIQUE CHEST OF DRAW

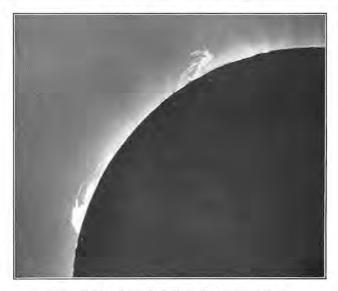
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Panchromatic Plate Red Filter

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nited States in one year, before the war, a million and a half dollars worth sold from good photographs.



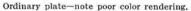
Courtesy of Professor E. B. Frost, Yerkes Observatory.

One of our readers had the happy thought of photographing the eclipse at intervals from the moment when the moon's disk was first seen touching that of the sun until the sun was hidden behind the trees of the horizon. He used an 8 x 10 camera and lens with a Standard Orthonon plate, and gave eighteen exposures in all, one exposure being made every five minutes. lens was closed to its smallest opening, the shutter set at $\frac{1}{100}$ th of a second, and after seeing that the camera was rigidly set in its position, the shutter was snapped at five minute intervals. The photograph shows that at the

beginning this gave too much exposure so that some of the first exposures are buried in halation, and the reflection of the sun's image from the various surfaces of the lens has produced spots of light on the negative of the kind known to the opticians as "flare" spots. But as the sun sank lower in the atmosphere and its light began to be obscured by the absorption of the air, the exposure gave admirable results.

To the astronomers, a total eclipse offers a rare and valuable opportunity. From the sun there are continually shooting out flames of incandescent gas which cannot be seen because of the intense







Panchromatic Plate, K3 Filter-the result is excellent.

RED TERRA COTTA TOBACCO JAR LINED WITH BLACK

The Griffins are yellow against a blue ground, the geometrical design is yellow, reddish brown and blue.

light of the sun itself, while around the sun there spreads out into space a wonderful phenomenon called the "corona," which is seen in an eclipse as a ring of pearly gray light, growing fainter and fainter as it recedes from the sun and spreading out into space on all sides. In order to photograph these phenomena a number of scientific expeditions went from the observatories to the belt in the country where the eclipse was total, and setting up temporary observatories with elaborate apparatus, they photographed the corona and the prominences," as the flames of incandescent gas are called, and made measurements of the phenomena associated with the sun which can only be studied effectively when the sun's disk itself is eclipsed.

By courtesy of Professor Edwin B. Frost we are able to print a photograph showing a quarter of the circumference of the sun obscured by the moon's disk, projecting from the edge of which are seen two gigantic prominences. This was taken by the expedition from Yerkes Observatory, of which Professor Frost is the director. The uppermost prominence shown, looking like the skeleton of some prehistoric monster, projects no less than 47,000 miles from the surface of the sun, a distance nearly six times the diameter of the earth. The exposure for this

photograph, which was made by Miss Mary R. Culver, was twenty seconds, the sun being somewhat obscured by clouds. In addition to the prominence there is seen around the sun the light of the inner corona, this being the only portion which was bright enough to be recorded with the exposure given.

The astronomers are now busy studying the results which they have obtained, and drawing from them lessons which will in turn be used to plan new measurements to be made at the next eclipse.

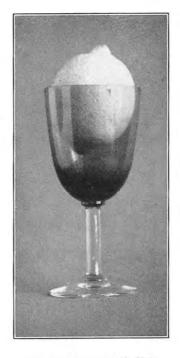
A GENEROUS OFFER

A great many photographers have gone into the service and left their studios in charge of their wives, and in a great many cases, no doubt, these women need advice and instruction.

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Ordinary Plate

Wratten Panchromatic Plate and K3 Filter

LEMON IN GREEN GOBLET. BLUE-GRAY BACKGROUND

of intensive training that will be of inestimable value to the woman who has been left with a photographic business as her support.

The instruction will cover the making of negatives under the light, using both artificial and daylight, and the accompanying dark-room instruction. Most women who have seriously taken up such work have been successful and Mr. Lively expects to be able to make the photographers' wives who come to his school competent to take charge of their studios, make sittings and successfully conduct their studios during the absence of their husbands.

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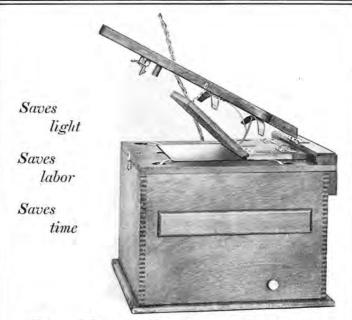
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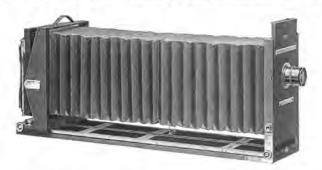
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